
GLOSSARY

Advisory Opinion: A formal written response by the Registry to a question concerning the application of KRS Chapters 121 or 121A to a specific transaction or activity

Advertising (Political) KRS 121.190(1): Any communication that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for public office

Affiliate or Subdivision of Political Party: Any organization which is under the control or direction of the State Committee and is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the political party at the county or district level

Campaign Committee: A group which is formed to receive contributions and make expenditures to support or oppose a candidate. (This group must file a Committee Registration Form with the Registry.)

Candidate: A person who has received contributions, made expenditures, appointed a campaign treasurer, or given consent for anyone else to do so on his or her behalf with a view to bring about his or her nomination or election to public office (except Governor and Lieutenant Governor – See “Slate of Candidates”)

Contributing Organization: A group which merely contributes to candidates, campaign committees or executive committees from time to time with funds derived solely from within the group

Contributor: An individual or group who gives something of value to a committee, candidate, or slate of candidates

Disbursement: Any expenditure of money

Disclaimer: The information which is required to identify the purchaser of advertising or other material advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, slate of candidates, or group of candidates

Election: Any primary, runoff primary, general, or special election to fill vacancies regardless of whether a candidate or slate of candidates is opposed or unopposed in an election. Each primary, runoff primary, general, or special election shall be considered a separate election

Executive Committee: A state-level executive committee of a political party, or a district or county-level executive committee which is a subdivision or affiliate of the state party. Groups such as women’s clubs are not executive committees

Fund Raiser Person: An individual who directly solicits and secures contributions on behalf of a candidate for a statewide-elected office or an office in a jurisdiction with a population in excess of 200,000 residents

Fund Raising Event: Testimonial affairs, dinners, luncheons, rallies, and similar events, mass collections and the sale of items such as buttons, hats, ties, literature and similar materials

Inaugural Committee: One or more persons who receive contributions and make expenditures in support of inauguration activities for any candidate elected to office

Independent Expenditure: The expenditure of money or other things of value for a communication which expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, or slate of candidates and which is made without any coordination, consultation, or cooperation with any candidate, campaign committee, or any authorized person acting on behalf of any of them, and which is not made in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of any candidate, campaign committee, or any authorized person acting on behalf of any of them

In-kind Contribution: A non-monetary contribution such as goods, services, or advertising in excess of \$100 per election, per contributor, or a series of similar donations which in the aggregate, exceeds a value of \$100 per election, per contributor

Itemized Contribution (*Contributions Exceeding \$100 in the Aggregate*): Listing of a contribution by name, address, date, amount of the contribution, age if under 18, occupation and employer, or if the contributor is self-employed, the name under which the contributor is doing business

KAR: Kentucky Administrative Regulations

KRS: Kentucky Revised Statutes

PAC: Acronym for Political Action Committee; under KRS Chapter 121, committees organized as PACs are called "Permanent Committees" (see "Permanent Committee "below)

Permanent Committee: A group of individuals, including an association, committee or organization, which is intended to be a permanent organization having as a primary purpose expressly advocating the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified candidates, slates of candidates, or political parties, which functions on a regular basis throughout the year

Political Issues Committee: A group of three or more persons joining together to advocate or oppose a constitutional amendment or public question which appears on the ballot if that committee receives or expends money in excess of \$1,000

Political Party: An organization that nominates or selects a candidate for election (also known as an Executive Committee)

Registry: Kentucky Registry of Election Finance

Slate of Candidates: Any two persons who have filed a joint notification and declaration to bring about their nomination for election to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor

Subdivision or Affiliate of Political Party: Any organization that is under the control or direction of the State Committee and is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the political party at the county or district level

Testimonial Affair: An affair held in honor of a person who holds office or who is, or was, a candidate for nomination or election to a political office in this state, designed to raise funds for any purpose not charitable, religious, or educational

Vote Buying: Giving someone something of value to secure his or her vote

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